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7. Order of Battle

a. Czech Army Units

50X1 [redacted] no knowledge of Czech Army units, and only limited information on three academies subordinate to Ministry of National Defense. However, he had knowledge on the following units of the PS Forces in Czechoslovakia:

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>		
1st PS Brig.	PS Hq., Prague	Unknown	2,100	Znojmo N 48-51, E 16-03	
"	"	"	"	Ceske Budejovice	
"	"	"	"	Susice N 49-14, E 13-31	
"	"	"	"	Pobezovice N 49-31, E 12-48	
"	"	"	"	Plana N 49-51, E 12-45	
"	"	"	"	Cheb N 50-04, E 12-22	
"	"	"	"	Karlovy Vary	
"	"	"	"	Volary N 48-55, E 13-53	
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th PS Brig.	"	"	1,855	Bratislava	50X1
st PS Bn.	11th PS Brig.	Unknown	421	Malacky N 48-26, E 17-01	
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d PS Bn.	"	"	421	Stupava N 48-19, E 17-02	
d PS Bn.	"	Unknown	"	Bratislava	
h PS Bn.	"	"	208	Komarno N 47-46, E 18-08	
1 Security	"	"	124	"	"
1 Engr. Co.	"	"	62	Bratislava	
1 Sig. Co.	"	"	41	"	"
1 Trans. Co.	"	"	42	"	"
1 Rear Svc.	"	"	45	"	"
1 Hq. Co.	"	"	61	"	"
t PS Bn.	"	"	421	Malacky	
t PS Co.	1st PS Bn.	"	61	Moravsky Svaty Jan N 48-35, E 17-01	
3 PS Co.	"	"	"	Gajary N 48-28, E 16-56	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>	<u>Estimated Strength</u>	<u>Location</u>
1st PS Co.	1st PS Bn.	Unknown 61	Levare N 48-30, E 16-59
2nd PS Co.	" " "	" "	Suchohrad N 48-22, E 16-51
3rd PS Co.	" " "	" "	Zahorska Ves or Uhorska Ves N 48-23, E 16-51
4th PS Bn.	11th PS Brig.	421	Stupava
5th PS Co.	2nd PS Bn.	61	Vysoka Pri Morave
6th PS Co.	" " "	Unknown 62	Devinske Jezero N 48-12, E 16-59
7th PS Co.	" " "	" 63	Devinska Nova Ves N 48-13, E 16-59
8th PS Co.	" " "	" 61	Devin N 48-10, E 16-59
9th PS Co.	" " "	" 62	Karlova Ves N 50-07, E 17-25
10th Co.	" " "	" 41	Stupava
11th Plat.	" " "	" 26	Stupava
12th Plat.	" " "	" 20	" "
13th Svc. Plat.	" " "	" "	" "
14th PS Bn.	11th PS Brig.	" 421	Bratislava
15th PS Co.	3rd PS Bn.	" 61	Petrzalka N 49-08, E 17-07
16th PS Co.	" " "	" "	" "
17th PS Co.	" " "	" "	Jarovce N 48-04, E 17-07
18th PS Co.	" " "	" "	Rusovce N 48-04, E 17-09
19th PS Co.	" " "	" "	Cunovo N 48-02, E 17-12
20th PS Bn.	11th PS Brig.	" 208	Komarno
21st PS Co.	4th PS Bn.	" 25	Iza N 47-45, E 18-14
22st PS Plat.	" " "	" 25	Sturevo-Parkan N 47-48, E 18-44

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>		<u>Estimated Strength</u>		<u>Location</u>	50X1
/1 PS Plat.	4th PS Bn.	Unknown	25		Karva N 47-46, E 18-29	
"	"	"	"	"	Radvan N 47-45, E 18-22	
"	"	"	"	"	Zlatna na Ostrove N 47-46, E 17-58	
"	"	"	"	"	Baka N 47-54, E 17-32	
"	"	"	"	"	Gutor N 48-02, E 17-15	
"	"	"	"	"	Leded N 48-00, E 18-48	
S Academy	PS Hq., Prague	"	360 students		Prague	50X1
Military academy	MNO	"	Unknown		Olomouc	
Trans. and rear Svc. academy	"	"	"		Nitra	
Air Force academy	"	"	"	"	Bratislava	

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subordination</u>		<u>Estimated Strength</u>		<u>Location</u>	50X1
/1 PS Brig.	PS Hq., Prague	Unknown	Unknown		Decin N 50-47, E 14-13	
/1 PS Brig.	" " " "	"	"	"	Liberec	
"	"	"	"	"	Usti nad Labem	

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In July 1952, [redacted] a former infantry officer, transferred to PS forces, who was a platoon leader at the PS Training Center in Bratislava. This officer was being transferred to Decin, where he said a new PS brigade was being formed. [redacted] the other two locations through a conversation at 11th PS Brig. Hq. in Bratislava. According to hearsay information, the three new brigades were to take over guard duties somewhere in the northeast sector of Czechoslovakia, where Bohemia borders Poland. This sector was being guarded by Polish units.

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[redacted] the division of Czechoslovakia into military districts or corps, nor the breakdown of military strength as to number of divisions, or independent units.

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8. Tables of Organization and Equipment

- a. Organizational chart of the 11th PS Brig. and its subordinate units is shown in Encl. A, attached.
- b. Organizational chart of the 2nd PS Bn., 11th PS Brig., including a breakdown of the 6th PS Co., is shown in Encl. B, attached.
- c. An estimate of equipment of the 2nd PS Bn., 11th PS Brig., is given in Encl. C, attached.
- d. An estimate of equipment of auxiliary units of the 11th PS Brig. is given in Encl. D, attached.
- e. The arms room of the 6th PS Co., 2nd PS Bn., 11th PS Brig., stocked only six extra weapons. These were for issue in case of malfunction in other weapons issued to personnel. The reserve weapons were three rifles, German, Model 98N, and three SMG's, Czech, Model 25. About 200 Model 4 offensive grenades were stored in the arms room, in addition to about 100 already issued to personnel going on duty. The 6th PS Co. had the following ammunition on hand:

For SMG's - approximately 12,000 rounds
 For rifles - approximately 10,000 rounds
 Approximately 40 white flares
 Approximately 20 green flares
 Approximately 20 red flares

When going on border patrol, the EM were instructed not to load their weapon magazines to capacity, in order to conserve the springs in the magazines. A guard on patrol armed with a rifle, would carry four rounds in the five-round magazine, plus 60 rounds in paper boxes holding 15 rounds each. Guards armed with SMG's carried 120 rounds in five magazines. Each magazine, with a 32-round capacity, held 24 rounds. In addition, each guard carried an aluminum flare pistol either suspended from his belt or in a leather pouch on his back. This pouch also contained four white, two red, and two green flares and four Model 4 offensive grenades. If a guard used a flare, he had to account for it to the CO in writing, upon completion of his patrol. The guard upon completion of his tour of duty on the border had to turn in to the arms room his weapon, ammunition, flares and his flare pistol. At no time were the guards permitted to take their arms or ammunition to their barracks. The 6th PS Co. had no searchlights of any type. At night they carried flashlights, believed to be German-made, which were in poor condition.

In March 1953, [] a HMG would be assigned to the 6th PS Co., in the near future. This HMG was to be used only for training, unless there was an invasion by enemy forces, in which case it would also be used in combat. Similar HMG sections had already been organized in PS units guarding the border between Czechoslovakia and the US Zone of Germany.

The crew would be comprised of two EM from headquarters section and one EM from each LMG section, and would be organized as follows:

1 Sgt	Section leader
1 Cpl	Gunner
1 PFC	Ass't gunner
2 Pvt's	Ammunition carriers

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[redacted] in March 1953 that an AT weapon, Pancerovka, would be added to each of the LMG sections. The weapons would be used only in case of invasion by enemy forces, and would otherwise be kept in storage. He was ordered to send six PS EM, three at a time, to 2nd Bn. Hq. in Stupava where they would be trained in the use of the Pancerovka. It was a two-man weapon. The course was to last six weeks. [redacted] had no details of this training except that only dummy rounds would be fired from the weapon. 50X1

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[redacted] this information from the CO of the 2nd PS Bn.

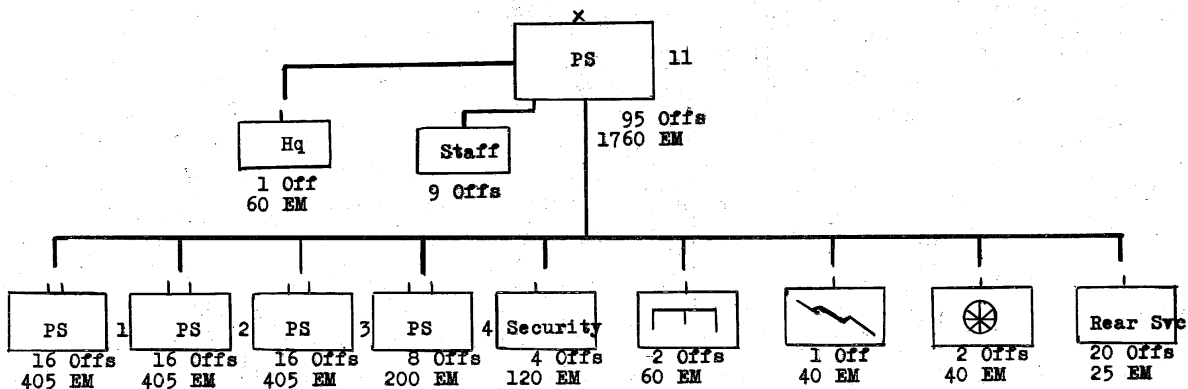
Enclosures:

- A. Estimated Strength of the 11th PS Brig.
- B. Estimated Strength of the 2nd PS Bn., 11th PS Brig.
- C. Estimated Actual Equipment of the 2nd PS Bn., 11th PS Brig.
- D. Estimated Actual Equipment of Auxiliary Units of the 11th PS Brig.

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Enclosure A
Estimated Strength of the 11th PS* Brig



Note: Strength of the 4th PS Bn was different from the other battalions, because of its function, which was to patrol the Czech side of the Danube River. The 4th PS Bn was divided into eight sections of 25 EM each.

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**Enclosure A
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Estimated Strength of the 11th PS Brig

the following information on the actual breakdown and duties of some units of the 11th PS Brig.

1. Staff organization:

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
CO	Unk	Major
Political Officer	Unk	Sr Lt
Chief of Staff	Unk	Major
Medical Officer	Unk	Capt
Signal Officer	Unk	Lt
Chief of Training	Unk	Capt
Chief of Rear Service	Unk	Capt
Adjutant	Unk	Sr Lt
Asst Political Officer	Unk	Lt

2. Brig Hq Co organization:

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
CO	Unk	Lt
EM	Unk	60 EM, rank unk

Men of the Brig Hq Co performed duties for the Brig Hq, working as clerk-typists, supply clerks, cooks, mess attendants, tailors, shoemakers and guards.

3. Security Co function: Guarded a factory in KOMARNO (4746N-1808E) where small barges were being manufactured for the USSR. These were for river traffic only, and were used for transportation of equipment and other freight to Bulgaria and Romania.

4. Engr Co function: Installed wire fields, built OPs and did general construction work for the PS Brig. They also installed barbed wire fortifications along the Czech border and replaced exploded mines within these border fortifications.

5. Sig Co function: Distributed its personnel along the border to install and repair communications for the 11th PS Brig.

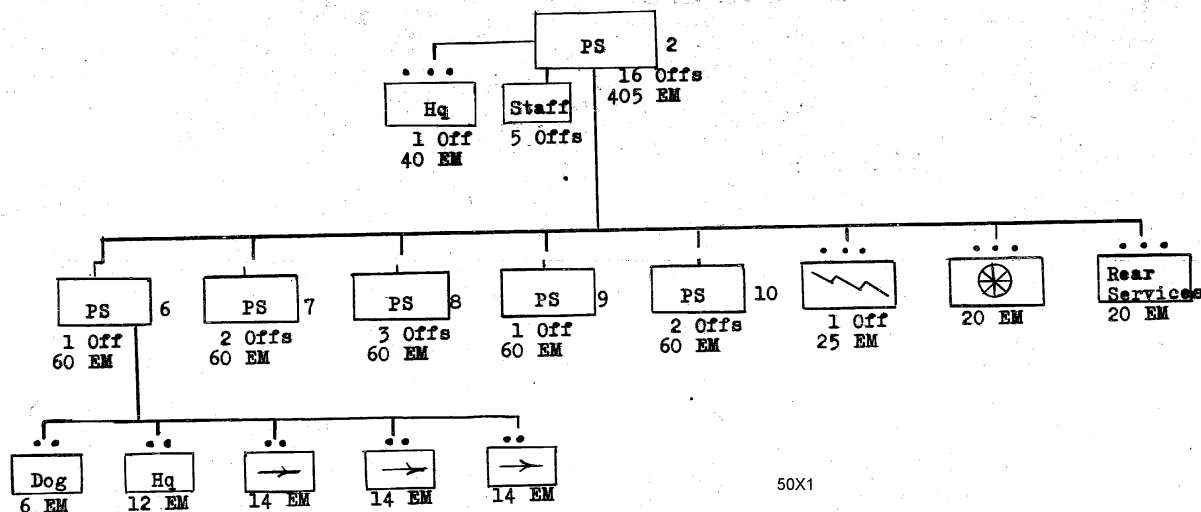
6. Trans Co function: Hauled supplies from civilian warehouses to the respective units. The CO also dispatched vehicles to units needing them.

7. Rear Svc Co organization: Made up of medical, ordnance, supply, billeting, construction, chemical, transportation, personnel, quartermaster, food service, and other technical fields. All officers and NCOs in this unit were school-trained in their respective fields.

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Enclosure B
Estimated Strength of the 2d PS* Bn, 11th PS Brig



Note: Breakdown of 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th PS Cos is same as 6th PS Co.

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Estimated Strength of the 2d PS Bn, 11th PS Brig

the following information on actual breakdown and duties of some units of the 2d PS Bn, 11th PS Brig.

1. Staff organization:

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
CO	Unk	Sr Lt
Asst CO	Unk	Capt
Political Officer	Unk	Sr Lt
Billeting Officer	Unk	Jr Lt
Rear Service Officer	Unk	Lt
Replacement Officer	Unk	Jr Lt

The replacement officer had to assume duties of any of the above officers when they were not present for duty. While the assistant CO was of higher rank than the CO, and a better officer from a military point of view, the CO was a more ardent member of the Communist Party, thus accounting for his advanced position.

2. Bn Hq Plat organization:

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Platoon Leader	Unk	Jr Lt
Platoon Sergeant	Unk	Sgt
NCOs	Unk	6 Cpls
PTCs and Privates	Unk	33 PTCs and Pvs

Men of the Bn Hq Plat performed housekeeping duties, clerical duties and guard duty in the battalion headquarters area.

3. Sig Plat function: Was responsible for the maintenance and repair of communications for the subordinate units of the 2d PS Bn.

4. Trans Plat function: Delivered supplies to subordinate units of the 2d PS Bn.

5. Rear Svc Plat function: Made up of ordnance, supply, billeting, construction and CW personnel, servicing the units of the 2d PS Bn.

6. 6th PS Co organization:

a. Hq Section

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
CO	Capt	Lt
Asst CO	Sr Lt	M/Sgt
Political Officer	Sr Lt	SFC
First Sergeant	Unk	SFC
Supply NCO	Unk	Sgt
Signalman	Unk	Cpl
CO's driver	Unk	PTC
Cooks	Unk	1 PTC, 1 Pvt
Aid man	Unk	Pvt
HMG gunners	Unk	3 Pvs

HMG gunners were temporarily attached to Hq Sec, performing guard duty.

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b. Dog Section

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Section Leader	Unk	SFC
Dog Teams	Unk	3 Cpls, 1 PFC, 1 Pvt

c. IMG Section

<u>Duty</u>	<u>T/O & E</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Section Leader	Unk	M/Sgt
Gunner	Unk	Cpl
Asst gunner	Unk	Pvt
Pancerovka man	Unk	Cpl
Pancerovka asst	Unk	PFC
Guards	Unk	9 Pvts

The Pancerovka team had only an old German training weapon, model unknown.

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Enclosure C

Estimated Actual Equipment of the 2d PS* Bn, 11th PS Brig

	Officers	EM	LMG, Model 24, 7.92-mm	SMG, Czech, Model 25, 7.92-mm	Rifle, German, Model 98N, 7.92-mm	Sniper Rifle, German, Model unk, 7.92-mm	Pistol, Czech, 7.92-mm	Panzerfaust, German, Model unk. For training only.	Pistol, Flare, German, Model unk	Gas Mask, Czech, Model 30	Field Glasses, Model unk
6th PS Co	1	60	3	45	12	3	8	1	6	61	5
7th PS Co	2	60	3	45	12	3	9	1	6	62	5
8th PS Co	3	60	3	45	12	3	10	1	6	63	5
9th PS Co	1	60	3	45	12	3	8	1	6	61	5
10th PS Co	2	60	3	45	12	3	9	1	6	62	5
Hq Co	1	40		40			1			41	
Staff	5						5			5	
Sig Plat	1	25		25			1			26	
Trans Plat		20		10	10					20	
Rear Svc Plat		20		20			20**			20	
Total	16	405	15	320	70	15	71	5	30	421	25

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**Rear Svc Plat was composed of NCOs who had SMGs in addition to their pistols.

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Handcuffs, "RAIK"	Flashlight, German Model unk	Switchboard, German, Model unk, 10 trunk lines	Horses, riding	Horses, work	Dogs, trained, German shepherd	Dogs, poorly trained	Trucks, ERENKA, capacity unk	Sedan, 4-door SKODA-TUDOR	Motorcycle, JAWA	
40	8	1	5	2	3	1		1		
40	8	1	5	2	3	1		1		
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Enclosure D

Estimated Actual Equipment of Auxiliary Units of 11th PS* Brig

	Officers	EN	SMG, Czech, Model 25, 7.92-mm	Rifle, Model 98N, 7.92-mm, German	Pistol, Czech, 7.92-mm	
Engr Co	2	60	60		2	
Sig Co	1	40	40		1	
Trans Co	2	40	20	20	2	
Rear Svc Co**	20	25	45		45	
Total	25	165	165	20	50	

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**Rear Svc Co was composed of regular officers and NCOs who had SMGs in addition to their pistols.

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